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For: DIFFUSION PROMOTING DEVICE FOR LOW FLOW  
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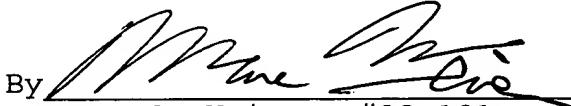
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REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated May 27, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species 1, a solvent inlet tube and a solvent outlet tube with different inner diameters;

Species 2, a solvent outlet tube connected to a solvent inlet tube at an acute angle;